(c) whether it is also a fact that production of such drugs enjoy a situation of obligation and the reasons recorded by Kelkar Committee are neither justified nor based on facts;

(d) steps being taken to get these drugs included in category I; and

(e) the names of producers of each of these drugs, their installed capacity and production during last three years year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The vaccines required for E.P.I. were recommended for price control by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals and the recommendation has been reiterated and the matter taken up with them. The increase in price of drugs and formulations is monitored by the Ministry of Industry.

(e) Names of producers, installed capacity and production of drugs and vaccine is monitored by the Ministry of Industry.

Omission of drugs from the list for treatment of Trachoma

4266. SHRI . DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1910 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for omiting Chloramphenicol, Neomycin, Sulphate, Polymixin-B-Sulphate, Framycetin Sulphate, Dexamethasone, Betamethasone, Flucinolone etc. from the list of drugs required for Trachoma and Control of Blindness;

(b) whether it is a fact that usage of these drugs is 100 times more than the usage of Tetracycline and Hydrocortisone for the same purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline eye preparations and Hydrocortisone preparations account for a total sale of Rs. 3 lakhs in the country where as the sale of Framycetin and Polymixin alone is over Rs. 3 crores;

(d) what are the names of the officers and technical experts who recommended inclusion of Tetracycline and Hydrocortisone in the list at the cost of other drugs; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline drops do not exist in the form of drops whereas most of the excluded drugs exist in this form?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) For Trachoma and Control of Blindness commonly used effective drugs have been selected.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. These drugs are used for a number of other eye conditions also which have no direct relevance to Trachoma and other schemes under the National Programme for Control of Blindness. The sale of different drugs is not being monitored under the National Programme for Control of Blindness.

(d) The experts from Directorate General of Health Service made these recommendations on consideration of commonly used effective drugs.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Drugs purchased for blindness control programme

4267. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of varfous drugs purchased for Trachoma and blindness control programme during the last three years; year-wise,

(b) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline ointment and Hydrocortisone eye preparations are rarely used on account of their irritating character to the eye;

(c) whether it is a fact that in most of the cases instead of eye ointment, drops are used;

(d) whether it is a fact that eye drops of Tetracycline do not exist but other antibiotics like Framycetin and Gentamycin are given in the form of eye drops; and

(e) whether it is a fact that those who prepared the list of drugs under 8 programmes have attempted to befool everybody; if so, what steps have been taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No drugs are purchased under National Programme for Control of Blindness by the Government of India.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

Grants of fellowships by ICHR

4268. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Historical Research was paying grants for fellowships, research projects and foreign travels to scholars who had not completed the projects allotted to them earlier; if so, the names and addresses of such scholars, the total amount so involved and the sanctioning authority of ICHR for these payments, alongwith the action proposed against the guilty; and

(b) what is the name of the authority which sanctioned sending of such delegates in the cultural exchange programmes which were not approved by the Research Projects Committee and what action has been taken against the persons responsible for this serious irregularity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Grants have been sanctioned in a few cases by the *Indian Council of Historical Research* to the scholars who had not completed the projects assigned to them earlier. The information regarding the names of such scholars and the grants sanctioned to them is given in the statement attached (*See* below). The grants to these scholars were sanctioned by the competent authority, i.e., Research Projects Committee of the Council after taking into consideration all aspects of the proposals. The Council is pursuing with the concerned scholars for early completion of their research projects. It has now been decided by the Council that while assigning any projects to a scholar, failure on his part to furnish reports on the previous work assigned to him would be kept in view.

(b) According to the information furnished by the ICHR, the delegates under the cultural exchange programmes with foreign countries were nominated earlier by the Chairman and the matter was reported to the Research Projects Committee of the Council. However, in a few cases, the nominations made by the previous Chairman were not reported to the Research Projects Committee. The procedure has been reviewed and the nomination of scholars is now required to be approved by the Research Projects Committee or a Sub-Committee authorised by it. Where a nomination is made by the Chairman, it is invariably submitted to the Research Projects Committee or Sub-Committee for approval.